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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THURSDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL IN ACCORD WITH THE AGREEMENT YOU REACHED AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING. YOUR INTERVENTION AT THIS MOMENT WAS CRITICAL NOT ONLY TO OUR SUCCESS WITH THE BILL BUT IN ESTABLISHING THAT THERE REALLY IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ON ISRAEL POLICY. THE AMOUNTS IN THE BILL AND THE HANDLING OF THE TURKISH ARMS QUESTION ALL ADD UP TO WHAT WE EXPECTED AND NEED.

2. NUCLEAR SUPPLY TO INDIA. WE WILL INFORM THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR TOMORROW THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO RECOMMEND AN
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INTERIM SUPPLY OF LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM FOR INDIA ON CONDITION THAT THEY AGREE TO EARLY NEGOTIATIONS WITH US ON OUTSTANDING NUCLEAR ISSUES. OUR CHARGE IN NEW DELHI WILL MAKE A PARALLEL APPROACH THERE AND WE WILL BE ADVISING CONCERNED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF THE DECISION. WHEN WE RECEIVE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF INDIA'S WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE, WE WILL ADVISE THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH SUPPORT FOR THE SHIPMENT. MAKING AN

INTERIM SHIPMENT SUCH AS WE ENVISAGE WILL PROVIDE TIME TO SEE WHETHER A SATISFACTORY UNDERSTANDING ON NUCLEAR MATTERS CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH DESAI AND HIS NEW GOVERNMENT.

3. PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. IN THREE MEEINGS THIS WEEK WITH THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS, AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ HAVE PRESENTED A DRAFT NEUTRALITY TREATY; A PROPOSAL ON THE FORM OF THE ENTITY WHICH WILL OPERATE THE CANAL DURING THE LIFE OF THE TREATY; A PAPER DEALING WITH THE RIGHTS OF U.S. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE ENTITY; AND A PACKAGE ON LANDS AND WATERS WORKED OUT WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT PANAMA IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE LANDS AND WATERS PACKAGE, WHICH CONTAINS MUCH OF WHAT PANAMA HAS DEMANDED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. TWO OF THREE OF THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS ARE RETURNING TO PANAMA TODAY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS -- NOT BECAUSE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING BADLY BUT BECUASE THEY ARE GOING WELL. WHILE THE NEGOTIATIONS APPEAR TO BE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, THERE IS HARD NEGOTIATING AHEAD BEFORE TREATY DRAFTING CAN BEGIN.

4. NARCOTICS MATTERS. I MET TODAY WITH MATHEA FALCO, OUR COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC MATTERS. SHE
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ADMINISTERS A \$38 MILLION FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES. MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER OF THE BUDGET GOES TO MEXICO. SHE AND PETER BOURNE WILL BE MAKING A SURVEY TRIP TO LATIN AMERICAN THIS MONTH, AND I URGED HER TO TRY TO INSURE THAT THE MONEY IS USED EFFECTIVELY AND NOT WASTED ON COSMETIC EFFORTS. FOLLOWING MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO COLOMBIA, BOURNE AND FALCO WILL VISIT COLOMBIA TO APPRAISE THE SERIOUS COCAINE PROBLEM THERE.

5. U.S. PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA. A GROUP OF ABOUT 25 PARENTS AND RELATIVES OF U.S. CITIZENS IMPRISONED IN BOLIVIA ON NARCOTICS CHARGES ARE IN WASHINGTON PROTESTING WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE OUR CONTINUED UNRESPONSIVENESS TO THE PLIGHT OF THESE PRISONERS. THEY PUT IN AN APPEARANCE ON CAPITOL HILL, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE, GATHERED FOR A PRAYER SERVICE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ENTRANCE AT NOON AND HAVE BEEN TALKING TO VARIOUS OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON THE

BOLIVIA PRISONER ISSUE FOR MANY MONTHS. ALTHOUGH THE
SITUATION HAS IMPROVED SOMEWHAT RECENTLY, BOLIVIAN
TREATMENT OF AMERICAN PRISONERS STILL LEAVES MUCH TO BE
DESIRED. CHRISTOPHER

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